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1. NEW YUGOSLAV-BULGARIAN RECRIMINATIONS AND MORE
CONCILIATORY ALBANIAN STAND CHARACTERIZE LATEST ROUND OF
LIBERATION "DEBATE".

2. OCT 26 BORBA ARTICLE ASSAILS NEW BULGARIAN BOOK "SEPTEMBER
9 AND THE BALKANS", AND ARTICLE BY COLONEL GENCO
KAMBUROV IN BULGARIAN PERIODICAL "ARMY COMMUNIST",
ASSERTING BOTH PUBLICATIONS ATTEMPTED TO "DISTORT AND
FORGE CERTAIN WELL-KNOWN FACTS," I.E. THEY MINIMIZED
PARTISAN ROLE IN LIBERATION OF YUGOSLAVIA, WHILE MAXIMIZING
BULGARIAN ROLE. BORBA GOGGLES AT KAMBUROV CLAIM
BULGARIA LIBERATED MARIBOR MAY 9, 1945.

3. OCT 27 NIN REACTS SIMILARLY TO OCT 14-15 RADIO
SOFIA ACCOUNTS OF LIBERATION OF NIS, REITERATING THAT
WHAT BULGARIA CONTRIBUTED TO YUGOSLAVIA'S
LIBERATION WAS DONE ONLY WITH TITO'S PERMISSION.

4. RADIO TIRANA CHIMED IN WITH ITS VERSION OF WWII OCT 24:
ALBANIAN FORCES LIBERATED KOSOVO REGION IN CONCERT WITH
YUGOSLAVS, IN FRATERNAL STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCIST ENEMY.
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